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OFFICIALTitle: **LABEL-FREE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA SURFACE
PLASMON RESONANCE****RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**Mail Stop: **NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**Applicants' Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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